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For : SAMPLING SYRINGE
UNIT, SAMPLING
DEVICE AND SAMPLING
METHOD FOR SAMPLING
BLOOD OR BODY FLUID

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute amended claims 8 and 9 as follows, and add new claims 10 and 11:

8. **(amended)** The sampling device according to claim 6, further comprising a controller incorporated in said housing unit for controlling operation timing of said actuators/actuator.

9. **(amended)** A method of sampling blood or body fluid, comprising:

attaching the sampling device according to claim 8 to a subject; and

sequentially driving the sampling devices to sample blood or body fluid from the subject at different times.